



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 19.

PROBABLY THE most amused men in the country this morning were those of Wall Street who then read that the democratic convention of Georgia had declared for the free coinage of silver and for compelling national banks to lend money on land, but, at the same time, had elected a delegation to the Chicago convention, a majority of whom are in favor of Mr. Cleveland, who, next to Mr. Harrison, is the most pronounced opponent of both the measures referred to among those spoken of for the next Presidency. With Cleveland and Harrison the nominated candidates for the Presidency, the satisfaction of Wall Street would be complete, and it wouldn't care a fig who of the two would be elected.

DR. TIGERT, the fraternal delegate from the M. E. Church South to the recent meeting of the general conference of the Northern Methodist Church at Omaha, in some remarks he addressed to that conference, said "the southern whites are the best friends of the colored men." His words were as true as gospel, but, for all that, they were groaned at and hissed by the negro members of the conference and their white sympathizers. It would seem that the proffers of reconciliation by the southern Methodists to their northern brothers had already exceeded the biblical limit, seventy times seven.

THE REPUBLICANS are gradually beginning to realize the advantages of free trade; but only in cases where such trade benefits the rich. In those in which its advantages would redound to the poor, they are as blind as ever. They have allowed the rich owners of steamship lines to buy vessels in the cheapest markets, and are now in favor of removing the duty on works of art for rich men's houses. But they are still dead set upon the tariff tax on fuel, clothing, iron, tin, salt, lumber, medicine and other necessities, which the poor man has to use in order to live.

THE GAZETTE last Monday mentioned the fact that the U. S. Supreme Court had decided that railroads may, if they choose, charge less in proportion for transporting ten persons than one. If ten why not two? The interstate commerce law has proved a humbug in almost every case in which it has been submitted to judicial arbitrament. Why should the democratic money-providing branch of Congress continue to appropriate the large sum requisite for the support of the expensive interstate commerce commission?

UNDER THE last democratic administration the penalty of active participation in politics by democratic office holders was instantaneous removal. Among the delegates to the Minneapolis convention from North Carolina are collectors of internal revenue, collectors of customs, U. S. district attorneys, postmasters, inspectors of customs and clerks in the Postoffice Department, and in Virginia it is nearly the same way. It is sincerely hoped the different causes may not produce the same effect.

THE PROFITS of the sugar refiners are more now than they were when raw sugar was taxed. No body except themselves uses raw sugar, from which the tariff tax has been removed. But the tax on refined sugar, which they make, and which everybody uses, is retained, and that tax they add to the price of their product, and thereby profit to the extent of millions.

THE BALTIMORE Sun has reached mature age, fifty-five years. Its rise and progress have kept pace with that of the city in which it was cast, and to the prosperity of which it has contributed largely. The Sun deserves well of the people of Baltimore. Its founder was a wise man, and his sons have followed in his footsteps.

THE DEMOCRATS of Iowa have elected a negro as an alternate to the Chicago convention. That particular negro may vote the democratic ticket next November, but that he will have few or no followers goes without saying; and why he was elected over a white man is hard to tell. But Iowa is a "rainbow" State.

Nobody familiar with the conditions of the cities in the two sections of this country has ever doubted the superior morality of those in the South. The explanation is that in the latter most every married man keeps his own house, while in the former so many live in hotels, and boarding and tenement houses.

HAS THE idea ever entered the heads of the many women who now take prominent parts in church affairs, that the fact that they do so may possibly be the reason why so few men, apparently, are interested in such matters, and that St. Paul's advice on the subject was really wise after all?

THE GOVERNMENT has instituted legal proceedings against the sugar

trust in Philadelphia, and the chiefs of the whisky trust have been indicted in the U. S. Court at Boston. And yet the protectionists say the McKinley bill does not stimulate and promote trusts.

POLITICAL.

The California democratic State convention yesterday declared for Cleveland, and the entire California delegation, it is said will vote for his nomination.

The Georgia State democratic convention yesterday endorsed Cleveland. The Cleveland men elected the temporary chairman which was the first fight. E. H. Richardson, Fleming Dubignon, Dupont Luery, and James M. Smith were elected delegates-at-large, all of whom are for Cleveland, who, it is claimed, has three-fourths of the twenty-six delegates to the national convention. The platform demands the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold on a parity with each other, to the end that the money of the people shall be of such quantity and quality as was originally contemplated by the constitution. Mr. Cleveland was endorsed but a unit rule resolution was defeated.

At the South Carolina State democratic convention only 31 of the 316 delegates were opposed to Tillman and the farmers' alliance. A caucus was held of alliance delegates and delegates sympathizing with the farmers movement, and over three-fourths of the delegates were present. The caucus decided to vote for Governor Tillman, Senator Irby J. W. Stokes, president of the State farmers' alliance, and C. W. Jasper Talbert, ex-State lecturer, as delegates-at-large to the national democratic convention, and adopted resolutions of hostility to Cleveland, condemning him as the representative of Wall Street and not of the democracy. The platform contains many planks of the Ocala platform. M. L. Donaldson, a leading alliance man, was elected a member of the national executive committee. Resolutions pledging the democracy of the State to the support of the nominees of the Chicago convention were amended to a pledge of support to the nominees of the State nominating convention in September.

The North Carolina State convention yesterday nominated Elias Carr, of Edgecombe, for Governor on the sixth ballot. Hon. Thomas M. Holt, the present incumbent, and Hon. G. W. Sanderson, J. S. Carr and S. B. Alexander, were the other candidates. The convention nominated Hon. C. L. Broughton, Speaker of the last assembly, and for Secretary of the State Octavius Coker, the incumbent, by acclamation. The convention was thoroughly harmonious and the best of feeling prevailed. The platform was adopted before the nominations were made. It is the one of 1890, with three planks from the Ocala platform. Free coinage of silver, abolition of the tariff, abolition of national banks, increase of the currency by issuing legal-tender notes in lieu of national bank notes, taxation of incomes, and repeal of the internal-revenue system are the chief planks.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, May 19.

Judge Blodgett, of the U. S. District Court, has been appointed assistant U. S. counsel in the Behring Sea arbitration, and will resign his present office.

The President and Mrs. Harrison are expected to arrive in Washington on the highspeed tender Jessamine this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Gen. Schofield received a telegram from Gen. Stanley this morning saying that a small band of Mexican revolutionists had crossed the Rio Grande into Texas in the vicinity of Fort Ringgold, and that he had sent troops in pursuit of them.

The seat in the U. S. Senate that was occupied by the late Senator Barbour has been taken by Senator Mills of Texas. Mr. Barbour's will is in the hands of Mr. John W. Burke, of Alexandria. It is reported here that he divided his property equally between his surviving relatives.

Only three of the Virginia members of the House went to Richmond to attend the Virginia democratic convention. Messrs. Jones, O'Ferrall and Wise. The inspection of the proposed route of the entrance of the Norfolk and Western and B. & O. railroads into this city from the west, to have been made this morning by the House and Senate District committees, was postponed until to-morrow because the members of the Senate committee could not go to-day.

The republican Senators, in caucus this morning, decided to abolish the office of executive clerk of the Senate, and to entrust the duties of that office to the Secretary of the Senate.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Butler of South Carolina made a strong speech in opposition to the bill to repeal the compulsory pilotage law.

The Senate commerce committee to-day agreed to make an adverse report on the bill for a second bridge across the Hudson river at New York, the bridge which Senator Hill favors.

The House naval affairs committee to-day heard arguments in favor of the transfer of the revenue marine to the naval service. Among those who spoke was General Bryan Hunter.

The belief that the Navy Department is that Admiral Walker will soon be assigned to duty in Washington as chairman of the Light House Board, and that Admiral Greer, who holds that office, will be placed in command of the fleet participating in the Columbian Naval demonstration.

John M. Anderson, United States consul general at Cairo, Egypt, died there yesterday.

Among the strangers in the city to-day, but not together, are ex-Congressman John S. Wise, formerly of Virginia, and Collector Brady of the State. The former says he thinks President Harrison will be re-nominated. When informed that Mr. Brady was here, he said he supposed the recent republican convention in Virginia hadn't left enough of that gentleman to be traveling about.

D. H. Dawson was appointed postmaster at Virginia City, Wise county, Virginia, to-day, vice W. G. Harrison, resigned.

In the House to-day Mr. Meredith introduced a bill to increase the pension of Pat. Clarke, of Fauquier county, Virginia, a Mexican war soldier, now stone blind and eighty years of age.

Private dispatches received here to-day say that of the 26 delegates elected by the Georgia democratic convention yesterday, 17 are Cleveland and 9 anti-Cleveland, though 4 of the former are said by their friends to be uncertain; that of the 22 elected in North Carolina, 15 are anti-Cleveland, and of the 19 elected in South Carolina all are anti-Cleveland. Out of the 24 elected by the Virginia convention to-day 13 are anti-Cleveland.

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

DANVILLE, Va., May 18.—According to the announcement already made in the GAZETTE, the 97th annual council of the P. E. Church in the diocese of Virginia convened this morning in the Church of the Epiphany. Divine service commenced at 10 o'clock. Rt. Rev. A. M. Randolph, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the diocese; Bishop Peterkin, of West Virginia; the venerable Dr. Dame, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, and Revs. C. B. Bryan and P. P. Phillips, of Berryville, were in the chancel. The services consisted of the communion service and sermon by Rev. P. P. Phillips from St. Mark 10, 17: "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" The communion was administered by the bishops.

The council met for business at 12:30 p. m., Assistant Bishop Randolph in the chair owing to the absence of Bishop Whittle.

The roll was then called by the secretary, Rev. Dr. Dashiell, and showed 91 clergy and 81 laymen present. The rules of order in force at the last council were adopted.

Rev. A. P. Gray reported the credentials of lay delegates correct, after which the Bishop announced the following committees:

On the State of the Church.—Revs. O. S. Barten, D. D., Samuel A. Wallis, James B. Funston, John McGill, Robt. J. McBryde, and Messrs. Jos. R. Anderson, James M. Garnett, Dr. J. E. Moyer, Wm. N. Nelson and Albert Baker.

Widows and Orphans' Fund.—Rev. T. M. Carson and T. L. Alfriend.

Episcopal Fund.—Rev. William H. Meade, D. D., and W. W. Parker.

Brotherhood.—L. M. Blackford, Jos. Wilmer and W. W. Old.

Disabled Clergy Fund.—Revs. George W. Nelson, E. W. Hubbard and N. T. Green.

Bruce Fund.—Rev. A. P. Gray and Frank Nelson.

Diocesan Missionary Society.—Revs. W. T. Roberts, S. S. Hepburn, G. M. Murray and Mercer P. Logan and Messrs. B. L. Winston, W. T. Chase, R. O. Egerton and Eppa Rixey.

Parochial reports.—Revs. J. V. Downman, P. P. Phillips, S. P. Waters, Edwin S. Hinks, Messrs. C. Woolnough, E. C. Harris, Wm. Ellis Jones and R. S. Thomas.

New parishes.—Revs. E. L. Goodwin, N. P. Dame, J. R. Hubbard, D. D., Messrs. Chas. M. Blackford, Rosewell Page, and S. B. Barton.

Elections.—Revs. Frank Stringfellow, J. W. Ware and Geo. C. Marshall.

Finance.—Messrs. J. R. Jones, W. B. Martin, R. Taylor Scott, and Dr. James W. Claiborne.

Clerical supply.—J. T. Harris, Jr., R. H. Baker, H. W. Bouldin, H. T. Garrett, Geo. P. Terry, J. S. Williams, W. O. Norris, J. R. McD. Moelich, C. J. Faulkner, and R. E. Withers.

Sunday schools.—Revs. Hartly Carmichael, A. S. Lloyd, H. T. Sharp, Messrs. Thomas Potts, J. R. Zimmerman, and Jacob Haeffelfinger.

Mr. J. R. Jones moved that no memorials of deceased lay delegates be published in the journal, which motion was adopted.

The rules of order were suspended so as to allow the council to proceed at once to the election of standing committees. These were the executive committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, the regular standing committee of the Diocese, and the committee on church property. Changes were made in the first of the above committees. The Rev. Hartly Carmichael was elected in place of the late Rev. Joshua Peterkin and Messrs. A. Blair and Dr. Whelan instead of Messrs. Thomas Norwood and J. P. McGuire. The other two committees remain unchanged.

Pending the election of these committees Mr. Thomas Potts, of Richmond, offered the following resolution:

"The council assembled in Danville desire to convey to our beloved bishop their affectionate expression of sympathy in his long-continued sickness and pray God that he may soon restore him to health and strength."

This was adopted by a rising vote and ordered to be sent by telegraph to Bishop Whittle.

Dr. Kinloch Nelson, of the Seminary, moved that the question of division of the diocese be the order of the day immediately after the conclusion of the Bishop's address. The time for electing delegates to the general convention next came under discussion, but was not settled before the adjournment of the morning session at a quarter past one.

No business session was held in the evening. We noticed among the visiting clergy Rev. A. B. Kinsolving, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Revs. W. M. and George Duffie, sons of the rector of Epiphany Church. None of the Alexandria clergy is in attendance. Great interest is felt in the question of division. It is said there will be a movement in favor of the three-fold division of the diocese. There are two lines advocated for the proposed two-fold division, one, that of the council committee, already published in the GAZETTE, the other that suggested by ex-Senator Withers in the *Seminary Magazine*, which adds the counties of the lower valley to the old southwest proposition for the new diocese.

A meeting of St. Andrew's Brotherhood was held in the church of the Epiphany at four o'clock. After a short opening service by Revs. Messrs. Braxton, Bryan and A. S. Lloyd, excellent addresses were delivered by Mr. Faure, of New York, and Mr. Stires, of Richmond.

Services in the interests of Diocesan Missions were held at night. The report was read by Rev. Dr. Pike Powers and addresses given by the representatives of the several conventions.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE.

A resolution was adopted by the Methodist Episcopal conference at Omaha yesterday expressing the satisfaction of the conference upon the efforts of the fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the independent Methodist Church, and expressing hope that in the near future all branches of the great Methodist Church would become one body.

A. L. Harbart was re-elected secretary for the Sunday School and Tract Society.

The special order was then taken up. It was the report of the intimacy committee, proposing to strike out that section in the Discipline providing for the five-year limit on the pastorate, and to allow the bishops the option of sending a minister back to the same place year after year if expedient. Debate followed, but no action was taken.

There is no better time than the present, to commence feeding your stock. Stonebraker's Horse and Cattle Powder. Price, 25 cts.

Stonebraker's Cough Syrup is not a vial filled with temporary relief, but a bottle filled with absolute cure for coughs. Price, 25 cts.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Major Domo won the Brooklyn Handicap at Gravesend yesterday, defeating Russell and Longstreet.

A dispatch from Paris announces that M. Roulez fought four duels in the Bois de Boulogne in quick succession and wounded his four adversaries.

Cardinal Gibbons to-day laid the corner-stone of the superb new chapel of Georgetown University, the gift of Mrs. John Vinton Dahlgren in memory of her son.

In a gas explosion in the cellar of a big tenement house in New York yesterday evening, fifteen people were hurt. Much excitement resulted and several narrow escapes were reported.

Fort McKinney, in Wyoming, caught fire yesterday, and the canteen building and three cavalry barracks were entirely consumed. Several men were injured by the blowing up of a building containing powder.

Lee Williams was lynched by a mob of colored railroad men at Suprell's camp, on the line of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, in Logan county, W. Va., yesterday for the murder of John Lester.

One of the largest mining sales ever made in Arizona has been consummated, whereby Dr. H. H. Warner, of Rochester, N. Y., has become owner of the Hillside group of mines. The purchase price is \$500,000.

The Senate committee on commerce by making the horizontal reduction of 25 per cent. will, it is said, save \$2,000,000 in the river and harbor appropriation bill. This reduction does not affect any of the Virginia appropriations.

The Episcopal Convention for the Diocese of Maryland met in the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, yesterday. Bishop Paret presided and presented his annual address, after which the usual standing committees were announced.

John M. Lackey, private secretary to Gen. Rosencrans, Register of the Treasury, yesterday committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart, while laboring under temporary aberration of mind. He was 30 years old and a native of Iowa.

The closing exercises of Georgetown University, which took place at Albaugh's in Washington on Tuesday afternoon, were of unusual interest. The address to the graduates was delivered by Father Stafford. The valedictorian was Mr. Robert Payne Hindell, of Mississippi.

During the debate in the U. S. Senate yesterday on the naval appropriation bill Mr. Gorman replied to the recent speeches of Senators Vilas and Vest, and reiterated his declaration that this would be a billion-dollar Congress. Mr. Vilas replied to Mr. Gorman. The naval appropriation bill was passed without a division. The amendment reported by the Senate committee on appropriations for the construction of a sea-going coast-line battle ship, one harbor defense double-turret ship of the monitor type, four light draft gunboats and six torpedo boats, was adopted by a vote of 33 to 18.

The State Convention.

The State democratic convention met in Richmond to-day to nominate delegates to the Chicago convention. The lines between the Clevelandites and anti-Clevelandites were closely drawn last night for the battle to-day. Mr. Cleveland's friends had a big mass meeting in the theatre presided over by Hon. John Goode, and addressed by Congressman O'Ferrall and Governor Fitz Lee, State Senator John L. Gordon and ex-Judge Tom Smith. At the conclusion of Mr. O'Ferrall's speech, a motion was carried that thanks be returned him for his treatment of Senator David B. Hill in the elections committee room in Washington. In his speech Gen. Lee said Mr. Cleveland expressed his perfect willingness to withdraw, provided that some other man more certain to succeed was pointed out. This meeting nominated Gen. Fitzguth Lee, Hon. John Goode, ex-Attorney General Rufus A. Ayres, and State Senator Basil B. Gordon, for delegates-at-large, and Judge W. F. Rhea, Hon. James L. Gordon, Major David S. Pierce, and Congressman W. A. Jones, for alternates. Hon. Marshall Hanger was nominated for permanent chairman.

The anti-Cleveland men met in Sanger Hall. Dr. W. D. Quisenberry, of Caroline, presided. The gathering was addressed by Senator John W. Daniel, Judge Waller R. Staples, Hon. John T. Harris and Capt. J. Hampton Hoge. The main speech of the evening was made by Senator Daniel, who came out flat footed in favor of Hill, and even went so far as to produce letters to prove that the defeat of the force bill was due to the New York Senator. The ticket for delegates-at-large was nominated as follows: Senator Daniel, General William H. Payne, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson and Mr. S. Welford Corbin; Alternates, Major W. T. Sutherland, Dr. M. Q. Holt, Hon. James Hay and Capt. J. Hampton Hoge. Hon. H. R. Pollard, of Richmond, was recommended for permanent chairman. There seemed to be about an equal number of delegates at each meeting, and great enthusiasm prevailed at the two gatherings.

The anti-Cleveland men gained the first skirmish by the selection of Hon. J. F. Ryan, of Loudoun, for temporary chairman, by the State committee.

Other incidents in the State committee meeting showed that the Hill element had control there.

The State committee appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions in memory of the late Senator John S. Barbour.

A meeting of the new State committee will be held Friday for organization.

[COMMUNICATED.]

FLOWER THIEVES.—Flower thieves are getting to be very numerous in the southeastern part of this city. They not only steal the flowers, but take great pride in destroying the plants, bushes, vines, &c. Several residents of lower Duke street are troubled by the thieves, who seem principally to be young girls and boys, and they intend to put a stop to such outrages by swearing out warrants against the guilty parties for larceny and trespass. A word to the wise is sufficient. A SUPPER.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Virginia Democratic Convention.

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, May 19.—This city is now overflowing with delegates to the democratic convention and with public men of the State. Of the latter class not one is missing, and for the first time in many years the leading party men are as badly split up in their preference for Presidential candidates as the delegates, and the split among the delegates is so great, and the feeling so severe, that both sides, in caucus last night, after nominating their delegates-at-large and determining to fight to the bitter end on the Cleveland and anti-Cleveland issue, were forced, this morning, for the sake of harmony, to withdraw all partisan candidates and to divide the delegates among the best men of both sides, who will go to Chicago uninstructed.

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John E. Ryan, of Loudoun county, temporary chairman, and James R. Fisher, secretary. Mr. Ryan made a brief speech after which Dr. M. D. Hoge offered prayer.

The Congressional district delegates were then elected as follows:

First district. Two Cleveland; 2d, two anti-Cleveland; 3d, one Cleveland and one anti-Cleveland; 4th, two anti-Cleveland; 5th, two anti-Cleveland; 6th, one Cleveland and one anti-Cleveland; 7th, two Cleveland; 8th, one Cleveland and one anti-Cleveland; 9th, two Cleveland; 10th, two anti-Cleveland.

Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19.

SENATE.

Mr. McPherson gave notice that, when the river and harbor appropriation bill should be brought before the Senate for consideration, he would move to recommit it to the committee on commerce with instructions to report it back with such amendments as will exclude from it all authorization for new contracts for material and work; and as will also proportionately reduce, by 50 per cent., the entire amount appropriated.

The bill authorizing the Secretary of War to detail army officers for duty at the Chicago fair was passed.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the bill exempting American coastwise vessels, piloted by their licensed masters, or by a United States pilot, from the obligation to pay State pilots for services not rendered.

HOUSE.

The third party received recognition this morning and Mr. Watson, of Georgia, sent up to the clerk's desk and had read the terse resolution "that the Committee on Ways and Means be requested to report the sub-treasury bill." He asked unanimous consent for its consideration, but Mr. Beltzhoover's demand for the "regular order" operated as an objection.

Several other members asked for unanimous consent to call up measures and Mr. Beltzhoover expressed his willingness to withdraw his demand for "regular order" to enable them to be recognized. But the Speaker would not permit the power of recognition to be taken out of his hands in this manner and stated that if the gentleman withdrew his demand he would again recognize the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Watson). On this statement Mr. Beltzhoover insisted on his demand and after a fruitless call of committees the House went into committee of the whole on the sundry civil bill.

The chairman of the committee of the whole ruled out of order the amendment offered by Mr. Bland to the sundry civil bill providing for the coinage of all silver bullion purchased and now in the treasury into standard silver dollars. Mr. Bland reintroduced his amendment with a proviso intended to remove the chair's objection.

Plotting Against Harrison. DETROIT, Mich., May 19.—Gen. J. S. Clarkson, chairman of the republican national committee, came to Detroit yesterday on his way to New York from Hot Springs, Ark. He is the guest of Gen. Russell A. Alger. At Gen. Alger's house yesterday were also several other republicans of national prominence, including Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, of New York; Hon. John M. Thurston, of Nebraska; Hon. John P. Sanborn, the Michigan member of the republican national committee, and John M. Langston, colored, from Virginia. It is understood that Hon. W. W. Crapo, of Massachusetts, was also a guest of Gen. Alger yesterday evening.

Several hours were spent in discussion of the political situation and of the prospective action of the party at Minneapolis. It was learned that the minds of the men assembled seemed to concentrate on Blaine, while it was virtually a case of anything to beat Harrison.

The Mississippi Overflow.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 19.—The river is still rising and the danger grows. South from Alton the damage in the aggregate is almost inconceivable. In Monroe county alone not less than 65,000 acres of cultivated land are ruined for the